

**COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING**

**January 16, 2019**

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At a regular meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of York, begun and holden at the York County Government Building in Alfred, within and for the County of York, being held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 2018 A. D. at 4:30 P. M.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Richard R. Dutremble  
Michael J. Cote  
Richard Clark  
Robert Andrews-excused  
Allen Sicard

County Manager Gregory Zinser was present at the meeting.

*All present were invited to rise and salute the flag of the United States.*

**Call Meeting to Order**

**01-16-19      ITEM**

**1      PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S)**

**2      TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2019**

Commissioner Cote motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

**3      TO APPROVE TREASURER’S WARRANTS**

a. Approve treasurer’s warrant dated January 2, 2019 in the amount of \$208,416.20

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

b. Approve treasurer’s warrant dated January 9, 2019 in the amount of \$559,355.69

Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the warrant. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

**4      TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

a. Commissioner Cote to report on MCCA annual meeting-  
Commissioner Cote informed all that Speaker of House and Senate President spoke at the meeting and made a commitment to work with Maine Counties,

especially on the jail funding issue. He added there was talk about different forms of legislation.

Commissioner Sicard commented that he enjoyed meeting people and seeing business conducted.

## **5 TO HEAR ANY REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

- a. Introduce Molly Louison, Program Manager and Forensic Interviewer and Executive Director, Melanie Sachs of the York County Child Advocacy Center to give update on program.  
County Manager Greg Zinser introduced Melanie Sachs from SARSSM and Molly Louison from the York County Advocacy Center.  
Molly addressed the Board and stated that her group partnered with the County a couple of years ago in the York County courthouse in Alfred. She continued that this location gives the Child Advocacy Center quick access to the D.A.'s office. Ms. Louison commented that this is a successful partnership as it provides a safe place for children in a neutral setting. Child advocacy centers exist all over the U. S. and there is one in every county in Maine now. Molly circulated a handout that showed statistics of clients served (attached to the minutes as record). She informed all present that every law enforcement agency in York County has signed an agreement to work with them. SARSSM Director, Melanie Sachs spoke also. She stated that the Sheriff's Office is also going to give them interview space and added how grateful she is for the County's help in giving them space (at the courthouse). Molly Louison informed all that their advisory board meets monthly. She stated that the meetings are open to all and are held on the last Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. The York County Child Advocacy Center hopes to be nationally accredited in April. Commissioner Sicard asked what types of funding does the CAC and SARSSM obtain? Melanie Sachs replied they receive multiple grants such as United Way, DOJ grant, as well as holding fundraisers such as the Chocolate Lovers Fling in April. The Commissioners thanked Molly and Melanie for the great work their organizations do.

## **6 NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Hear MSEA grievance (executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) may be necessary) County Manager Zinser asked if MSEA wished to hold the Hearing in public or executive session? Rachel Sherman asked why there was not an agreement to hold the grievance in abeyance. The County Manager replied that did not realize the Union had agreed to do so. Commissioner Clark motioned to table the grievance. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- b. Review of warrant signing policy – County Manager Zinser explained that last year the Commissioners agreed on signing of warrants during off weeks by authorizing the Chair or, in her absence, the Vice-Chair approve the warrant for distribution. He proposed the same policy for the ensuing calendar year.  
Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the same policy for warrant approval as last year for this year. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.
- c. Commissioner approval of resolutions for deeds accounts for(SIS)-County Manager Zinser explained that these resolutions are the same documents that

were needed to add our new Treasurer. For our Deeds department, we need to add our new Register of Deeds, Nancy Hammond and her deputy, Wendy Daniels as well as Finance Director, Victoria Ridlon. Mr. Zinser further explained the Commissioners by a motion will simply be authorizing the Commissioners to do so and affix the County Seal to the resolutions. Commissioner Clark motioned to approve the three names being added to the deeds accounts. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.

- d. Change dates of jail and recovery center tours
  - 1. Layman Way Recovery Center tour prior to February 6, 2019 meeting at 3:00 p.m.
  - 2. York County Jail tour prior to February 20, 2019 meeting at 3:00 p.m.

County Manager Greg Zinser explained that, originally, the jail was going to be toured by the Commissioners on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and then the Recovery Center on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February but, due to scheduling issues we needed to change them.

He added that Layman Way Recovery Center will not be just a tour but also a review of the program to date. The County Manager informed all that the Budget Committee will also be invited. There will also be time for questions and answers. He let everyone know to meet at the Recovery Center on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**7 OLD BUSINESS**

None

**8 TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A), ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C), LABOR NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (D) AND CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E).**

- a. Executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (D).

Commissioner Clark motioned to enter into executive session. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0. Commissioner Clark motioned to come out of executive session. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 with no action taken.

**9 PUBLIC COMMENT(S) ON ANY ITEM(S) \*Heard prior to exec. session.\*\***

Rachel Sherman asked about the legislation that the County Manager had mentioned at the last meeting dealing with DHHS services. County Manager Zinser replied that he had stated it had been proposed and that Senator Woodsome has advanced it. He directed Ms. Sherman to go online. He added the wording would be similar to “An Act to Deliver efficient services to the citizens of York County” and the other one something to the effect of “An act regarding court facilities within York County.”

**10      ADJOURN**

Commissioner Clark motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Cote seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:45.